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SUBJECT: REPORTED IRANIAN TRANSFER OF C-130 TO OMAN

1. WASHINGTON POST OF MAY 1 CARRIED STORY BY JOSEPH FITCHETT DATELINED MASIRA, OMAN, APRIL 30, ENTITLED "U.S. IS SEEKING NEW MILITARY LINKS IN PERSIAN GULF AREA", IN WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE TO USG WILLINGNESS TO APPROVE C-130 PURCHASE BY OMAN. ARTICLE STATES THAT "ONE OF THESE, ALREADY FLYING OMANI COLORS, APPARENTLY WAS A GIFT FROM IRAN, WHICH HELPED OMAN QUELL A REBELLION IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF DHOFAR".

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2. IN VIEW OF THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 3(E) OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT THAT THE PRESIDENT MUST REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE CONGRESS ANY INFORMATION HE RECEIVES THAT A TRANSFER OF ANY DEFENSE ARTICLE, OR RELATED TRAINING OR OTHER DEFENSE SERVICE, HAS BEEN MADE WITHOUT HIS CONSENT AS REQUIRED BY THE ACT, EMBASSIES TEHRAN AND MUSCAT ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE TO DEPARTMENT ANY INFORMATION TO INDI-

CATE WHETHER THERE IS ANY FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE REPORT OF C-130 TRANSFER. WE ASK THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANY LOW-KEY SOLICITATIONS THAT EMBASSY CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION, YOU NOT RAISE THIS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS A PROBLEM FOR RESOLUTION AT THIS STAGE.

3. WE WILL AUTHORIZE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. VANCE

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